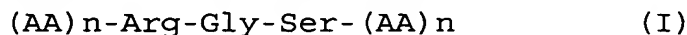


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1) (currently amended) ~~Use, as~~ A method for preparing a cosmetic and/or dermatological and/or pharmaceutical composition, comprising adding to said composition an active ingredient, of at least a peptide of formula (I):



wherein (AA) is an unspecified amino acid or one of its derivatives, and N is an integer ranging between 0 and 3, ~~in or for the preparation of a cosmetic and/or dermatological and/or pharmaceutical composition.~~

- 2) (currently amended) ~~Use according~~ The method to claim 1, characterized in that the peptide has the sequence Arg-Gly-Ser.
- 3) (currently amended) ~~Use according to claim 1 or 2~~ The method according to claim 1 , characterized in that the peptide is selected among peptides which have at least a functional group protected with a protective grouping. This protective grouping being either an acylation or acetylation of the amino-terminal, or on the amidation or the esterification of the carboxy- terminal, or both.
- 4) (currently amended) ~~Use~~ The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the peptide is present in the composition at a concentration ranging approximately between 0.05 and 500 ppm, and preferentially with a concentration ranging approximately between 0.1 and

50 ppm compared to the total weight of the final preparation.

- 5) (currently amended) ~~Use~~ The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 characterized in that the peptide is solubilized beforehand in one or more cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, ethoxylated or propoxylated diglycols, cyclic polyols, petroleum jelly, a vegetable oil or any combination of these solvents.
- 6) (currently amended) ~~Use~~ The method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 characterized in that peptide is solubilized in a cosmetic or pharmaceutical vector such as liposomes or adsorbed on powdered organic polymers, mineral supports such as talc and bentonites, and more generally solubilized in, or fixed on, any cosmetically or pharmaceutically acceptable vector.
- 7) (currently amended) ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1 to 6, or of a composition including it, as an agent of skin care products and skin treatment and/or~~ A method for treating superficial body growths activating cell energy metabolism, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.
- 8) (currently amended) A method for ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1 to 6, or of a composition including it, as an agent of skin care products and skin treatment and/or superficial body growths having cytostimulating properties, in particular as~~

~~a skin care agent promoting tissue regeneration, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.~~

9) (currently amended) A method to ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1 to 6, in or for the preparation of a composition; the compound or the composition being intended to stimulate protein synthesis of the extracellular matrix and/or to stimulate keratin synthesis, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.~~

10) (currently amended) A method for treating and/or inhibiting ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1 to 6, in or for the preparation of a composition; the compound or the composition is intended to fight in a curative and/or preventive way against the cutaneous manifestations of aging, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.~~

11) (currently amended) A method to ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1 to 6, in or for the preparation of a composition; the compound or the composition is intended to protect the skin and/or the hair against all types of external aggressions, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.~~

12) (currently amended) A method for ~~Use of at least a compound of formula (I) such as defined according to any of claims 1~~

~~to 6, in or for the preparation of a composition; the compound or the composition is intended for the treatment of cellulite and/or orange-peel skin; and/or in order to reduce, eliminate or prevent subcutaneous fat overloads, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment thereof an effective amount of a composition according to claim 13.~~

- 13) (currently amended) A Cosmetic and/or dermatological and/or pharmaceutical composition characterized in that ~~it~~ said composition contains, in an acceptable medium, as an active ingredient, at least a peptide of formula (I): (AA)<sub>n</sub>-Arg-Gly-Ser-(AA)<sub>n</sub> (I) wherein (AA) is an unspecified amino acid or one of its derivatives, and N is an integer ranging between 0 and 3.
- 14) (currently amended) The Composition according to claim 13 characterized in that the peptide has the sequence Arg-Gly-Ser .
- 15) (currently amended) ~~Composition according to any of the claims 13 or 14~~ The composition according to claim 13, characterized in that the peptide is selected among peptides which have at least a functional group protected with a protective grouping, this protective grouping is either a acylation or acetylation of the amino- terminal, or on the amidation or the esterification of the carboxy-terminal, or both.
- 16) (currently amended) The Composition according to ~~any of claims 13 to 15~~ claim 13 characterized in that the peptide is present in the composition at a concentration ranging approximately between 0.05 and 500 ppm, and preferentially with a concentration ranging approximately between 0.1 and

50 ppm compared to the total weight of the final preparation.

- 17) (currently amended) The Composition according to ~~any of~~  
~~claims 13 to 16~~ claim 13, characterized in that it takes  
the form of a cosmetic and/or dermatological composition  
adapted for topical cutaneous application comprising a  
pharmaceutically or cosmetically acceptable medium.
- 18) (currently amended) The Composition according to ~~any of~~  
~~claims 13 to 17~~ claim 13 characterized in that the peptide  
is beforehand solubilized in one or more cosmetically or  
pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water,  
ethanol, propanol, isopropanol, propylene glycol, butylene  
glycol, dipropylene glycol, ethoxylated or propoxylated  
diglycols, cyclic polyols, petroleum jelly, a vegetable oil  
or any mixture of these solvents.
- 19) (currently amended) The Composition according to ~~any of~~  
~~claims 13 to 17~~ claim 13 characterized in that the peptide  
is solubilized in a cosmetic or pharmaceutical vector such  
as liposomes or adsorbed on powdered organic polymers,  
mineral supports such as talc and bentonites, and more  
generally solubilized in, or fixed on, any cosmetically or  
pharmaceutically acceptable vector.
- 20) (currently amended) The Composition according to ~~any of~~  
~~claims 13 to 19~~ claim 13, characterized in that it is  
presented in the form of an aqueous, hydroalcoholic or oily  
solution or in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion, water-  
in-oil emulsion or multiple emulsions, or in the form of  
cream, suspensions, powders; these compositions can be more  
or less fluid or solid and can have the appearance of a

cream, a lotion, a milk, a serum, a pomade, a gel, a paste, a foam or a stick.

- 21) (currently amended) Process of cosmetic treatment in order to treat aged skins and/or in order to fight in a curative and/or preventive way the phenomena of cutaneous aging consisting in applying to the surface of the skin an effective amount of the composition such as defined according to ~~any of claims 13 to 20~~ claim 13.
- 22) (currently amended) Process of cosmetic treatment in order to protect skin and/or hair against all types of external aggressions consisting in applying, to the skin surface, an effective amount of the composition such as defined according to ~~any of claims 13 to 20~~ claim 13.
- 23) (currently amended) Process of cosmetic treatment intended to reduce, eliminate and/or prevent excess of subcutaneous fat; and/or intended to act against cellulite; and/or to fight against the phenomenon of orange-peel skin, consisting in applying to the skin surface an effective amount of a composition such as defined according to ~~any of claims 13 to 20~~ claim 13.